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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT: DR. WALTER FAIRSERVIS

REF: STATE 132080

ACKM MINISTRY EDUCATION OFFICIJW (JOINT SECRETARY) CONFIRMS
GOP HAS ACCEPTED "IN PRINCIPLE" DR. WALTER FAIRSERVIS
APPLICATION CONTINUATION EGLADHINO ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG.
HE SAID MINISTRY MOVING AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN
VISA CLEARANCES PERSONNEL BUT IT MIGHT TAKE AS MUCH AS
A WEEK TO COMPLETE.

2. ON PERSONNEL HE INDICATED THAT SOME QUESTION HAD BEEN

RAISED ON NUMBER TO BE GRANTED PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE.
FAIRSERVIS/AMERICAN MUSEUM NATURAL TASTORY HAS SUBMITTED
TEN NAMES. SOME ELEMENT GOP APPARENTLY FEELS THIS NQKBER
EXCESSIVE AND MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID "WE MIGHT ALEROVE
EIGHT OR NINE."

3. EMBASSY (DCM AND CAO) MET WITH SECRETARY EDUCATION
TWO WEEKS AGO AND OBTAINED PROMISE FROM HIM THAT ALL
EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE EXPEDITE FINAL APPROVAL& FOLLOWUP
HAS BEEN CONTINUOUS. EMBASSY HAS MADE STRONG REPRESENTA-
TIONS TO MFA REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING PROCESSING
FAIRSERVIS PROJECT AND OTHER PENDING CULTURAL/EDUCATIONAL
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ACTIVITIES. HAVE BEEN GIVEN ASSURANCES THEY WILL EXERT

WHATEVER PRESSURE POSSIBLE.

5. ASHUART OF GOP PROCESSING OF ALL CULTURAL/EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IT APPEARS THAT SECURITY CHECKING NOW IS MUCH MORE INTENSIVE THAN HITHERTO. WHILE NOT ADMITTING TO THIS IN DEFINITE TERMS ALL RECENT CONTACTS WITH MIN EDUC HAVE MENTIONED FREQUENTLY THAT "OTHER MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES" HAVE TO SIGN OFF BEFORE APPROVALS CAN BE GIVEN. LAST YEAR SECURITY CHECKS WERE HANDLED AS ROUTINE. THIS YEAR WE GET IMPRESSION THEY ARE MUCH MORE THAN MINOR NAME CHECK.

6. PARA (5) PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO CLEARANCES FOR FULBRIGHT, AIPS, AND DHEW/OE SUMMER GROUP PROJECTS WHICH HAVE BECOME COMPLETELY STALLED. MINEDUC SAYS IT IS WAITING FOR APPROVALS AND IS NOT ITSELF HOLDING UP ANYTHING.

7. REQUEST DEPART
VCT INFORM FAIRSERVIS STATUS HIS
APPLICATION WITH SUCH DETAILS AS DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE. BYROAD

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